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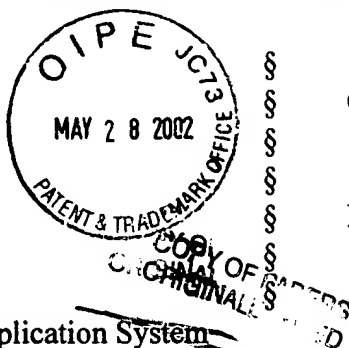
In re application of:
Brian Thornton

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For: Lawn Chemical Application System

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231



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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed April 29, 2002, please enter the following response.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks. Claims 1-10 and 16-18 are in the application and stand rejected. As discussed in more detail below, applicant respectfully traverses the rejections of claims 1-10 and 16-18.

In paragraph 3, claim 16 stands rejected as being anticipated by Truong. The Office action states that Truong shows, among other things, a "plurality of bottom openings 45" Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Claim 16 calls for, among other things, "a bottom with a plurality of openings passing therethrough and having a side with a plurality of openings passing therethrough" Applicant respectfully submits that the number 45 refers to a bottom wall and not to openings. The cross hatching shown in Fig. 9 might, at first blush, appear to be openings in bottom wall 45, but this cross hatching does not represent openings in bottom wall 45 any more than the same cross hatching that appears all along the walls of housing 42. Further amplifying this, at col. 5, lines 20-24, Truong explains that the housing 42 shown in Fig. 9 is "identical" in structure to the housing 22 shown in Fig. 1, "with the exception of its